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SUBJECT: LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT FROM PRESIDENT DAOUD

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON FROM  
PRESIDENT DAOUD DATED MARCH 7, 1974:

"DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, YOUR EXCELLENCY'S KIND LETTER OF  
NOVEMBER 5, 1973 WAS DULY CONVEYED TO ME BY AMBASSADOR  
ELIOT AND WAS INDEED A SOURCE OF MUCH PLEASURE TO ME. IN  
EXTENDING MY WARM THANKS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, PLEASE ACCEPT  
MY REGRETS FOR THE DELAY IN REPLYING.

"I HAVE WARM RECOLLECTIONS OF YOUR VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN IN  
1953 AND OF MY MEETINGS WITH YOUR EXCELLENCY AND SUB-  
SEQUENTLY WITH THE LATE PRESIDENT EISENHOWER. I ALSO  
RECALL WITH A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE THE WARM RECEPTION  
ACCORDED TO ME DURING MY TOUR OF YOUR GREAT AND BEAUTIFUL  
COUNTRY.

"WITH THE PROCLAMATION OF THE REPUBLIC IN AFGHANISTAN,  
SERIOUS EFFORTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ORGANIZE FUNDAMENTALLY  
AS WELL AS TO ACCELERATE THE PACE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
IN THE COUNTRY. I EARNESTLY HOPE THAT IN THIS ENDEAVOR,  
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THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN WILL RECEIVE THE BENEFIT OF

FRUITFUL AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE FROM ALL FRIENDLY COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR FROM A GREAT AND FRIENDLY POWER SUCH

AS THE UNITED STATES, WHO'S CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS OUR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES IS ALREADY MUCH APPRECIATED. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE GROWTH AND INTENSIFICATION OF SUCH ASSISTANCE WILL CONTRIBUTE IN NO SMALL MEASURE TOWARDS THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION AND SPEEDY REALIZATION OF AFGHANISTAN'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO BRING ABOUT RAPID AS WELL AS RADICAL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE STANDARDS OF LIVING AND ECONOMIC LIFE OF HER PEOPLE.

"AS YOUR EXCELLENCY HAS RIGHTLY POINTED OUT IN YOUR MESSAGE, THE NEW REPUBLICAN REGIME IN AFGHANISTAN REGARDS PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE AS A CORNER-STONE OF ITS ACTIVE FOREIGN POLICY, AND INDEED AS A PEACE-LOVING NATION IS ALWAYS READY TO PARTICIPATE CONSTRUCTIVELY IN AN ENDEAVOR FOR THE PURPOSE OF ATTAINING PEACE AND SECURITY AND THE REDUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION; TO THIS END, AFGHANISTAN WOULD READILY COOPERATE WITH OTHER PEACE-LOVING NATIONS FOR THE REALIZATION OF THIS DESIRABLE AND WORTHY AIM.

"FINALLY, I SHOULD LIKE TO ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN ATTACHES MUCH IMPORTANCE TO THE LONGSTANDING TIES OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE UNITED STATES AND WOULD INDEED SPARE NO EFFORT TO FURTHER CONSOLIDATE AND EXPAND FRIENDLY RELATIONS AND FRUITFUL CO-OPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF OUR TWO PEOPLE AND IN LINE WITH MY COUNTRY'S AFFIRMED DESIRE FOR CLOSE AND MEANINGFUL RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES DESIROUS OF PEACE, CO-OPERATION AND BETTER UNDERSTANDING IN THE WORLD.

"WITH WARM PERSONAL REGARDS AND RENEWED BEST WISHES.  
YOUR SINCERELY, M. DAOUD". RUSH

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